



**Support and expand
Portland Street Response
as a co-equal branch of
the first responder system**

The Purpose of the Resolution

- Express Council support for PSR
- Clarify Council's intent for PSR to become a 24/7 co-equal branch of the first responder system
- Document PSR's history
- Lay the groundwork for necessary Code changes
- Clarify Council values going into budget discussions



What the Resolution does not do

- Affect bargaining rights in any way, or change the currently-bargained committee
- Affect Portland Fire & Rescue, or firefighters
- Affect Portland Police, or police officers
- Immediately appropriate money towards PSR
- Immediately move PSR to 24/7 service



The Resolution Affirms:

- PSR's ability to respond independently to 911 calls
- PSR's mission of addressing mental and behavioral health crises
- The need for a staffing model that supports providing mental health and peer support to people in crisis
- PSR's access to life-saving supplies in line with de-escalation best practices

The Resolution Urges the Mayor to:

- Maintain and expand **shuttling**
- Re-establish **communications and outreach** funding
- Support Council in drafting **City Code** to include PSR
- Explore designating PSR staff as **First Responders**
- Launch a search for a **permanent PSR Program Manager**
- Prioritize **hiring and training** until PSR is staffed for 24/7 response
- Continue to review **call types** that can be diverted to PSR
- Re-establish an **independent PSR program evaluation**

The Resolution brings regular Portlanders back into the process of shaping PSR's future:

- There already is a workgroup involving labor, which this document does not affect or alter in any way
- This document creates a volunteer PSR Committee:
 - Brings community back into discussions of PSR's future
 - Has no current budgetary impact
 - Does not duplicate existing committees
 - Meets a previously-unmet City commitment

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